

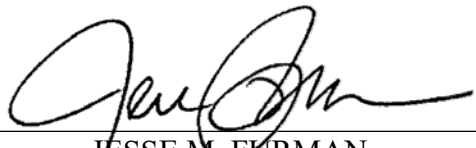
they now make in their initial motion papers, *see* Reconsideration Mem. 9,¹ and concede, as they must, that a court need not consider arguments made for the first time in reply, *see id.* at 8-9. It follows that Defendants' request for reconsideration is borderline frivolous and must be denied. To the extent that Defendants believe their belated argument to have merit, they have no one to blame but themselves for the fact that the Court declined to consider it.

For the foregoing reasons, Defendants' motion for reconsideration is DENIED. Accordingly, their motion for a stay is denied as moot. The Court reserves judgment on Plaintiff's own motion for reconsideration, *see* ECF No. 96, pending his reply.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate ECF No. 99, 101, and 103.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 17, 2025
New York, New York



JESSE M. FURMAN
United States District Judge

¹ Defendants assert that they did not raise the new argument until reply because they were not on notice of the basis for it until Plaintiff's opposition, but that assertion is frivolous in light of their acknowledgment that Plaintiff made the relevant "argument" in the Second Amended Complaint. *See id.* at 6 (citing ECF No. 74, ¶ 231).